



TRAVIS COUNTY

DISPARITY STUDY TIMELINE



DATE OF ACTION	ACTION	ADDITIONAL NOTES
March 23, 2012	City of Austin invited Travis County to participate in a disparity study.	
August 2012	Commissioners Court earmarked \$200,000 for the study.	
November 15, 2012	Commissioners Court held a Work Session where Purchasing Agent Cyd Grimes and HUB staff presented on the County's HUB Program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-City of Austin SMBR Exec. Dir. Veronica Lara presented on the status of the disparity study RFQ solicitation. (RFQ issued Dec. 2012, submittals received Feb. 2013.)-Bexar County SMWBE Program Manager Renee Watson provided a presentation on the results of their first disparity study.-Community representatives attended and expressed their support for the County participating in a disparity study.
December 4, 2012	Commissioners Court held a Voting Session and approved for Purchasing staff to begin developing study scope of work.	
April 11, 2013	Purchasing Agent and HUB Coordinator Sylvia Lopez attended Commissioners Court Work Session and presented the first draft scope of work.	
April 23, 2013	Purchasing Agent and HUB Coordinator attended Voting Session Item #22 to ask court to approve the scope of work and give authorization to commence negotiations with NERA.	
<i>June 20, 2013</i>	<i>City Council awarded disparity study contract to NERA (National Economic Research Associate, Inc.)</i>	<i>Item #37</i>
November 19, 2013	Purchasing Agent and HUB Coordinator attended Commissioners Court Voting Session and provided a presentation on the study.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Four court members approved budget of \$339,552.38 and moving forward with the study.
January 14, 2014	Commissioners Court during Voting Session approved contract with NERA to conduct disparity study.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Item was approved through consent. Term of contract is for 24 months for the completion of 21 Work Tasks.-Travis County participated through an interlocal agreement with the City of Austin and received a 66% discount.
February 2, 2014	HUB Coordinator provided prime and sub data to NERA for FYs 2009-2013.	
March 24, 2015	NERA provided to Commissioners Court during Voting Session the first	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Court also approved an additional FTE for Purchasing to hire an additional HUB Program

	status update on the disparity study.	Specialist that will assist with implementing disparity study recommendations.
October 5, 2015	NERA provided first draft of study.	-During this same time frame, HUB Coordinator was reviewing 7 proposals for the Civil Family Courthouse project, so assigned HUB staff to begin reviewing draft. HUB Coordinator began reviewing draft in Nov. 2015.
Oct. 5 – Jan. 2016	Draft study review. <i>Note: NERA recommended only final study be presented to court and not draft.</i>	-HUB staff and Attorney John Hille reviewed draft and provided three different sets of questions to NERA. Final responses from NERA were provided on Jan. 21, 2016.
February 2, 2016	NERA presented disparity study results to Commissioners Court. Purchasing Agent and HUB staff provided a next steps presentation.	-Court asked Purchasing to return on March 29, 2016 Voting Session. Purchasing asked to move the date to May due to workload. -Commissioners Court approved for Purchasing to return on May 3, 2016 Voting Session for a next steps discussion.
May 3, 2016	Purchasing Office Agent and HUB staff presented to Commissioners Court a phasing strategy to implement 19 recommendations over 3-4 year period.	-Item 16 Commissioners Court asked HUB staff to return on May 17, 2016 to present proposals to create a Disparity Study steering committee, Task Force Working Groups; and, public outreach to gather feedback from the community on study recommendations.
May 17, 2016	Purchasing Office Agent and HUB staff presented to Commissioners Court proposals to create a Disparity Study Steering Committee, Task Force Working Groups; and public outreach.	-Item 23 Four Commissioners Court members approved both proposals and added an additional Work Group Intergovernmental Operability.

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Thank you,

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Pct. 4 Commissioner Margaret Gomez